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3. On the suggestion of Mikoyan, the Government Declaration made by Grotewohl was exclusively concerned with the question of a plebiscite in all-Germany along the lines decided in the Paulskirche in Frankfurt/Main. The declaration was then framed with the primary view to its propaganda effect. It is to serve the period between the ratification of the Paris Agreement and the time when the taking of more direct actions, such as strikes, etc., comes.

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the draft of Grotewohl's declaration of 2 March 1955 contained a paragraph on measures to be taken for the protection of the GDR which included the closing of the zonal boundary, a statement on the introduction of universal military training and a note on the establishment of a defense ministry. This paragraph was cancelled at the intervention of Mikoyan and Pushkin.

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